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SUBJECT : BD PRESS REACTION TO FAILURE OF FARAKKA TALKS

THE PRESS REACTION IN DACCA TO THE FAILURE OF THE LATEST ROUND OF TALKS ON FARAKKA HAS BEEN UNIVERSALLY CRITICAL OF INDIA'S POSITION. BOTH THE VERNACULAR AND THE ENGLISH PRESS STRESS THAT IT WAS INDIAN INTRANSIGENCE WHICH CREATED THE FAILURE. THE BD OBSERVER SUGGESTED THAT THE TALKS WERE PROPOSED BY INDIA "TO REINFORCE INDIA'S UNILATERAL WITHDRAWAL OF GANGES WATER BY OFFERING UNWORKABLE IDEAS" AND THAT "THE REMEDIES SUGGESTED ... ARE OBVIOUSLY WORSE THAN THE DISEASE." DAINIK BANGLA (DAILY BENGALI), A NEWSPAPER GENERALLY ACCEPTED AS REPRESENTING THE OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT POSITION, SUGGESTED THAT THE INDIAN INVITATION "WITHOUT PRECONDITIONS" WAS DESIGNED TO "HOODWINK" INTERNATIONAL OPINION ON THE EVE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SESSION. IN A MORE STRIDENT TONE, ENAYETULLAH KHAN, PUBLISHER OF HOLIDAY, A LEFTIST WEEKLY, DECLARED IN A LONG ARTICLE THAT HIS PURPOSE IN WRITING WAS "TO LAY BARE THE TWISTED MIND BEHIND SUCH ACTS." HE SUGGESTED THAT THE INDIAN "SCHEME" WAS PART OF A "TOTAL DESIGN OF EXPANSION." STATING THAT INDIA "HAS JOINED THE RANKS OF

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